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IAC COVERT REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

1. The following revision of IAC-D-28 is distributed to take into account the changes approved by the Intelligence Advisory Committee in its establishment of the Subcommittee on this subject and in providing these terms of reference for its guidance.

2. It will be appreciated if the Agencies would submit the names of their principal and alternate members to the Office of Intelligence Coordination by telephone, Code 143, ext. 766, by Wednesday, August 1.

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Intelligence Advisory Committee

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INTERAGENCY CLANDESTINE
COLLECTION PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCIDs Numbers 1 and 5, the Intelligence Advisory Committee hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. There is hereby established under the Intelligence Advisory Committee the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Interagency Priorities Committee or I.P.C."). The Interagency Priorities Committee will perform the following functions in connection with the clandestine collection of foreign information outside the U. S. and Possessions and related problems:

a. In accordance with general priorities given by the Intelligence Advisory Committee, to determine those foreign information requirements of the U. S. Government which require collection by clandestine means and prepare and maintain a current listing of those clandestine collection targets deemed to have a priority status in terms of the over-all interests of the U. S. Government.

b. To represent the Intelligence Advisory Committee member agencies on matters pertaining to their respective interests in the field of clandestine collection of foreign information including: selection and establishment of priority standing for clandestine collection targets; diversion or concentration of clandestine collection capabilities.

c. In order that the priority lists referred to above be as realistic as possible, and to insure maximum utilization of the resources of CIA, it would be necessary that the members of the committee be briefed on a need-to-know basis on the capabilities of CIA for clandestine collection, by areas.

2. The Interagency Priorities Committee (IPC) will be composed of one principal and one alternate member from each of the following Departments and Agencies: The Department of State, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. The Interagency Priorities Committee members will be vested with authority to represent their respective Departments or Agencies on matters pertaining to the clandestine collection of foreign information outside the United States and its Possessions in the performance of the functions set forth in Paragraph 1, and each Department or Agency will be represented at each meeting by at least one member, with the necessary power to act.

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4. Decisions of the Interagency Priorities Committee will be based on the consensus of the members. When decision cannot be reached, the Interagency Priorities Committee will promptly refer the matter for resolution to the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

5. As used in this directive, "clandestine collection activities" are understood to be intelligence collection activities or operations, whether by agent, reconnaissance, patrol or observation, which are conducted or sponsored by the U. S. Government, in order to acquire intelligence on foreign states or groups, but which are planned and conducted in such a manner that:

a. Any U. S. Government responsibility for the clandestine activities is not evident to unauthorized persons, or

b. The U. S. Government can plausibly disclaim any responsibility for them if uncovered, or

c. Although conducted in accordance with paragraphs a. and b. above, a calculated risk is taken that disclosure or compromise would be justified by the results expected.

6. As the agency of primary responsibility in the field of clandestine collection of foreign information outside the United States and its Possessions, the Central Intelligence Agency shall name the Chairman and establish the necessary Secretariat for the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee.

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